

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: Method of Treating an	)	
Intervertebral Disk	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attn: Box Reissue

Dear Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the above-identified reissue application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.